Crazy reindeer Christmas stocking

Needlepoint pattern | 143 x 234 stitches | 11 x 18 in (27.9 x 45.7 cm) on 13 mesh | 23 colors



Thread key, DMC

			stitches	yards	skeins
●	3865	Winter White	3,988	38	6
■	807	Peacock Blue	2,631	25	4
▲	3766	Light Peacock Blue	2,438	24	4
◆	321	Red	1,759	17	3
▼	898	Very Dark Coffee Brown	1,510	15	3
★	976	Medium Golden Brown	1,489	15	3
❖	3756	Ultra Very Light Baby Blue	1,316	13	2
X	828	Ultra Very Light Sky Blue	1,131	11	2
O	701	Light Green	1,109	11	2
+	434	Light Brown	927	9	2
=	938	Ultra Dark Coffee Brown	870	9	2
Z	3818	Ultra Very Dark Emerald Green	801	8	2
A	815	Medium Garnet	659	7	1
V	739	Ultra Very Light Tan	460	5	1
T	603	Cranberry	392	4	1
N	939	Very Dark Navy Blue	306	3	1
S	435	Very Light Brown	295	3	1
K	3827	Pale Golden Brown	216	3	1
E	437	Light Tan	185	2	1
C	725	Medium Light Topaz	158	2	1
P	783	Medium Topaz	142	2	1
U	600	Very Dark Cranberry	82	1	1
L	602	Medium Cranberry	56	1	1

One chart square is one tent stitch over one canvas intersection.

Cut the canvas at least 15 x 22 in (38.1 x 55.9 cm) for 13 mesh: the design and 2 in (5.1 cm) of margin on every side.

22,920 stitches in all, inside the outline: the chart is 143 x 234 at its widest and tallest. Start from the center: a red arrow above the chart marks the center column, and one to the left of it the center row. The arrows are on the pages those lines cross.

The chart is on 4 pages, each cut to what is stitched: bare canvas has no page, and a join falls on plain ground where it can. Pages 2 and 3 are turned on their side, for a part that is wider than it is tall. Where chart pages join, gray squares repeat two rows or columns. The small picture at the top of each chart page shows which part it is.

Thread: six-strand floss, 7 or 8 strands in the needle on 13 mesh (counted at 8), about 46 skeins of 8.7 yd in all. Or pearl cotton size 3, 1 strand, about 28 skeins of 16.4 yd; or tapestry wool, 1 strand, about 38 skeins of 8.7 yd; or Persian wool, 2 strands, about 33 skeins of 8 yd. Wool is numbered differently: match it by eye. Needle: tapestry, size 20.

Yards and skeins are estimates: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 13 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color (about 228 yards in all, as the thread lies in the needle).

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

Make it a stocking: also have backing and lining fabric, cord or piping, and a loop. Finishers ask for stockings months before Christmas, and most want two extra rows all round. Ask yours before the edge, and stitch a name first. "How to finish a stocking" is a guide linked from this pattern's page.

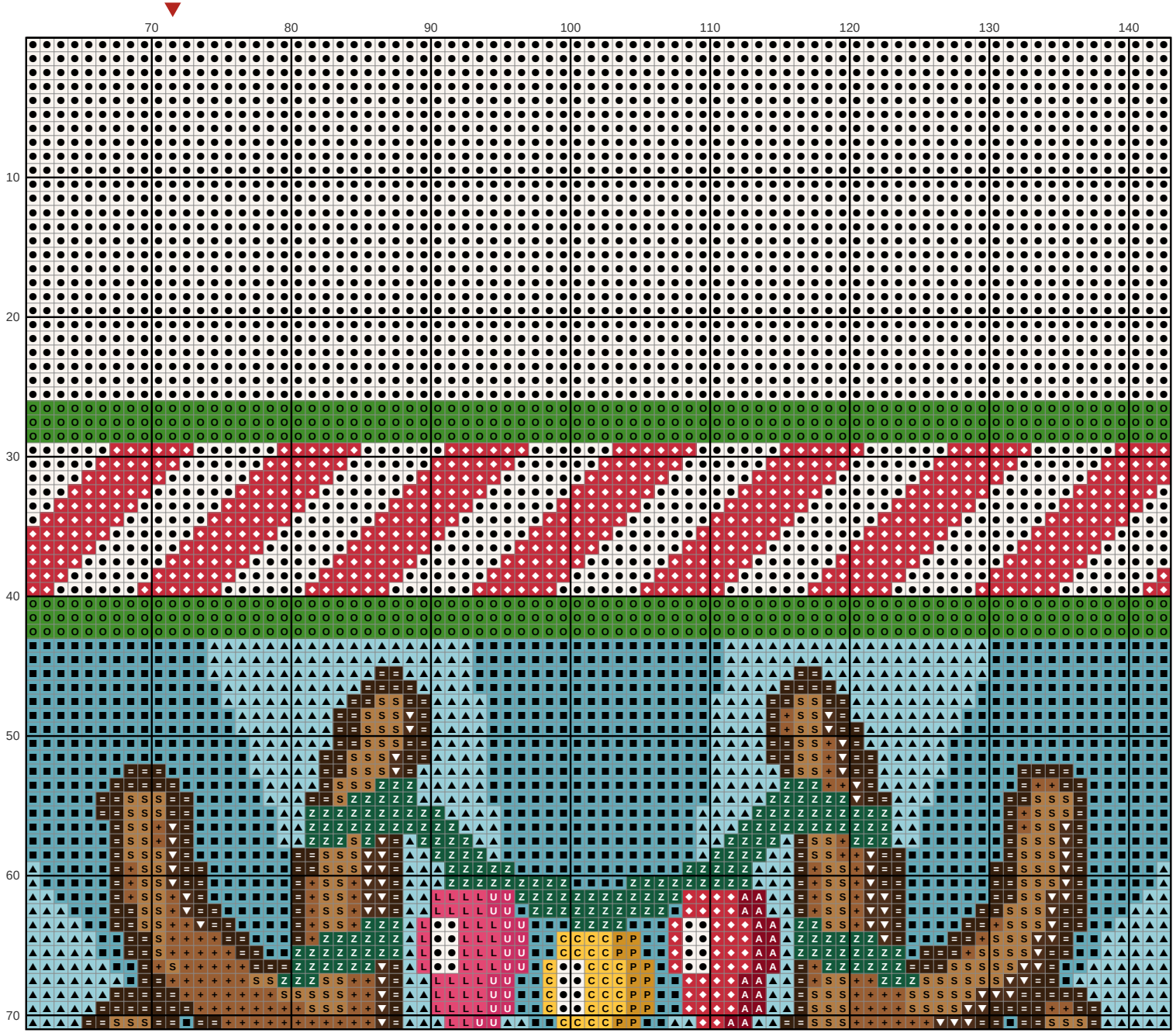
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Chart 1 of 4: columns 62 to 143, rows 1 to 71

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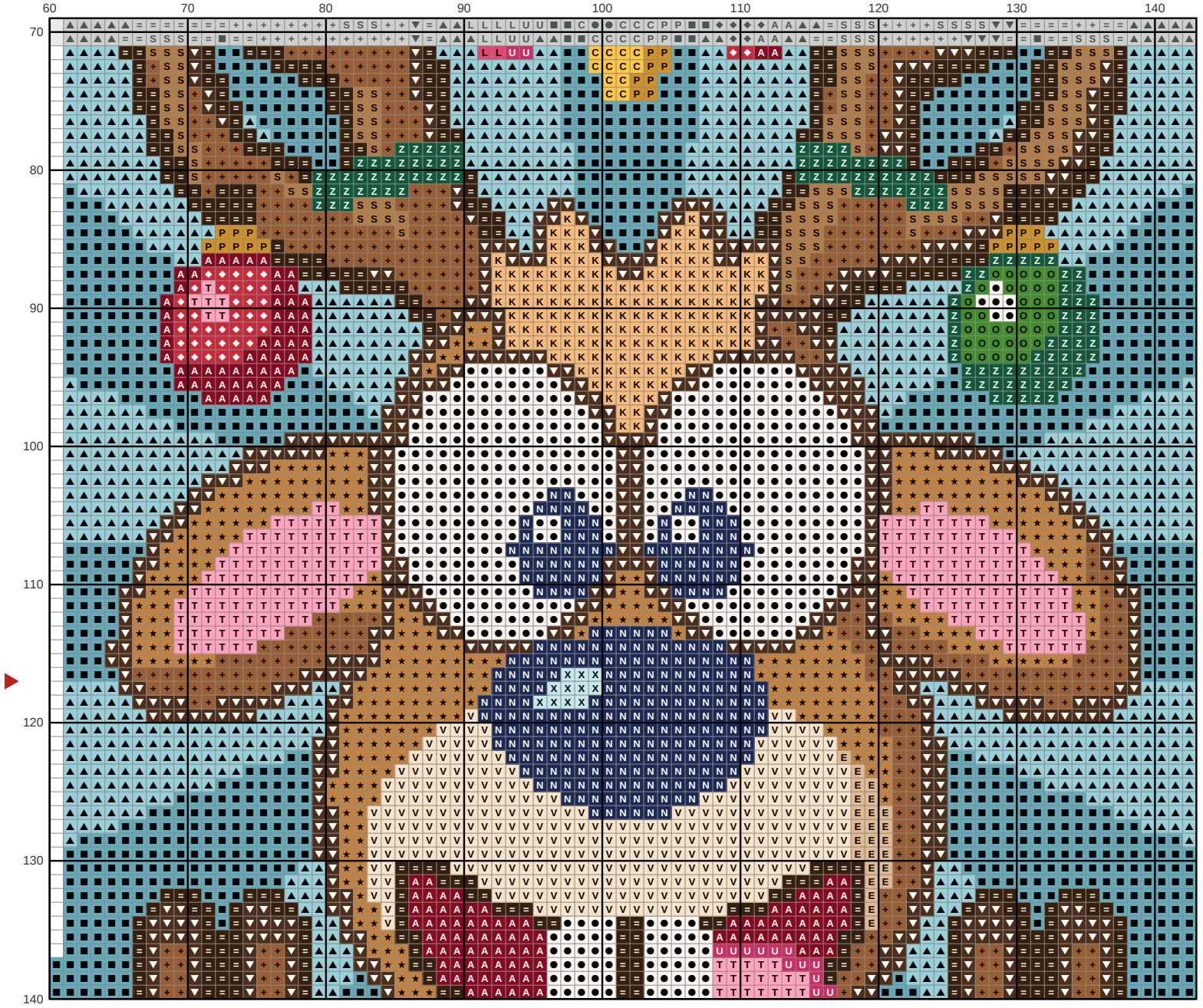


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Chart 2 of 4: columns 61 to 143, rows 72 to 140; gray squares repeat rows 70 and 71

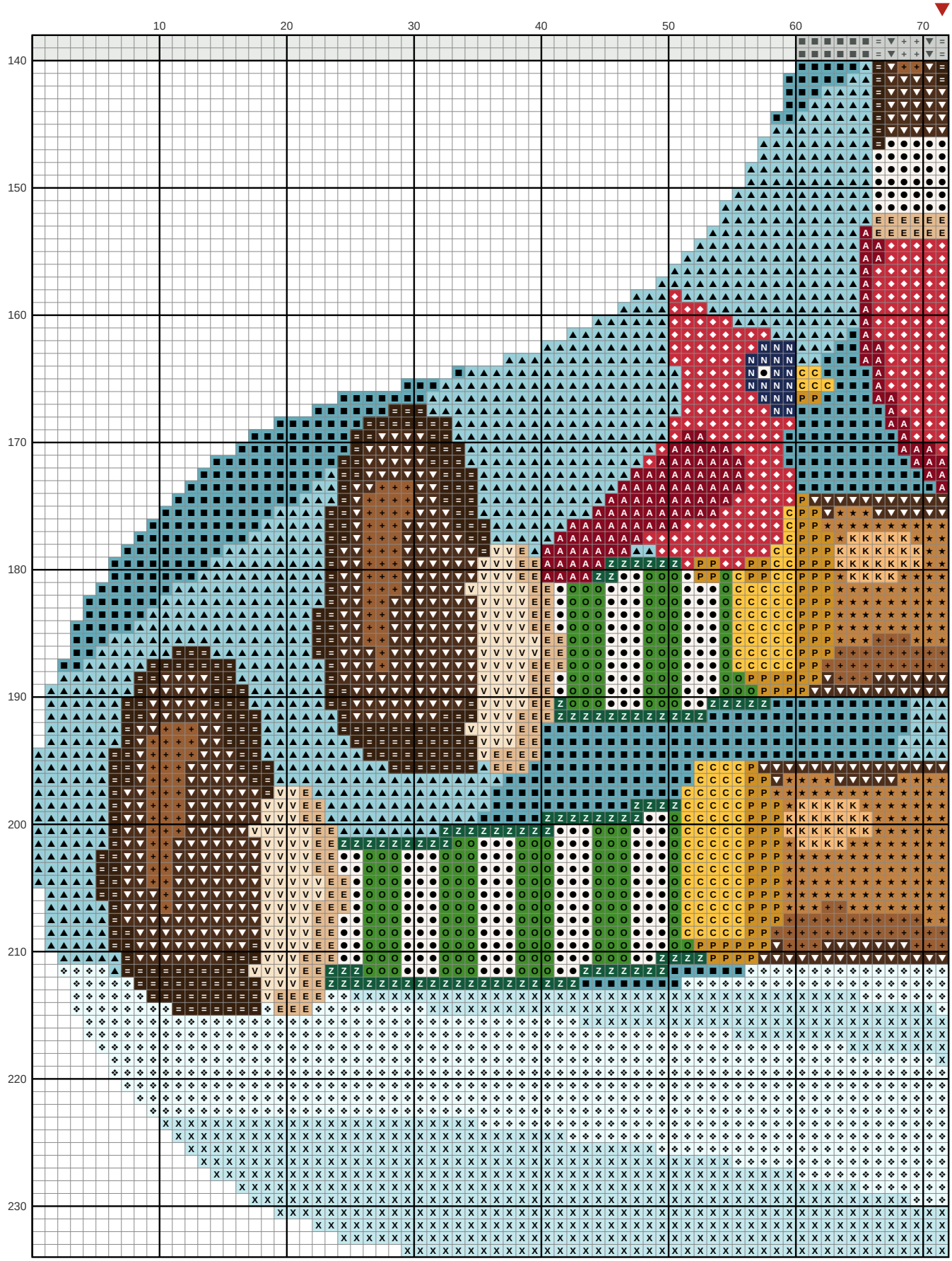


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Chart 3 of 4: columns 1 to 72, rows 141 to 234; gray squares repeat rows 139 and 140

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Chart 4 of 4: columns 73 to 143, rows 141 to 234; gray squares repeat columns 71 and 72 and rows 139 and 140

